

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendments to claims 16-18 is found on page 6, lines 14 and 20 of the specification. Support for claims 21-23 is found on page 6, line 14 and page 7, line 7 of the specification. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment claims 16-19 and 21-23 will now be active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The present invention is directed to compositions containing specific sesquiterpene alcohols prepared from alcohol compositions having no detectable odor.

Aroma therapy has been reported as useful for adjusting parasympathetic nervous system and sympathetic nervous systems. Compositions based on active agents containing low-boiling impurities components can impart strong fragrance characteristics which can reduce the effectiveness of the therapy. It is noted on page 6 of the specification that cedrol of low purity is affected by fragrance components which make obtaining a crystalline form and ease of handling difficult. Accordingly, compositions which may provide more effective autonomic nerve regulating activity are sought.

The present invention addresses this problem by providing compositions of a sesquiterpene alcohol selected from the group consisting of cedrol, cedrenol, globulol and a mixture thereof, prepared from **sesquiterpene alcohol compositions** having no detectable odor. Applicants have discovered that by using **sesquiterpene alcohol compositions** which have no detectable odor, that low boiling compounds which impart an undesirable odor are reduced, improving the effectiveness of autonomic nervous regulation. Moreover, in contrast to α -bisabolol and guaiol, the claimed sesquiterpene alcohols are less susceptible to variations in individual's sensitivity and therefore are more broadly effective. Compositions prepared

from sesquiterpene alcohol compositions having no detectable odor are nowhere disclosed or suggested in the relied upon references.

The rejections of claims 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and/or 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP61-129,140 (JP '140) are respectfully traversed.

JP '140 describes a pharmaceutical composition comprising the sesquiterpene alcohol α -bisabolol. A composition comprising a sesquiterpene selected from the group consisting of cedrol, cedrenol, and/or globulol, prepared from sesquiterpene alcohol compositions which have no detectable odor is nowhere disclosed or suggested in the prior art of record.

In contrast, the present invention is directed to a composition which contains a sesquiterpene alcohol selected from the group consisting of cedrol, cedrenol, and/or globulol prepared from sesquiterpene alcohol compositions which have no detectable odor.

Applicants note, the claims have been amended to recite at least one of these compounds, the compositions being prepared from sesquiterpene alcohol compositions having no detectable odor. As the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest any one of the claimed compounds, the present invention is clearly neither anticipated nor obvious from this reference and accordingly withdrawal all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1 (15?) under 35 U.S.C. §112, the second paragraph is believed to be moot

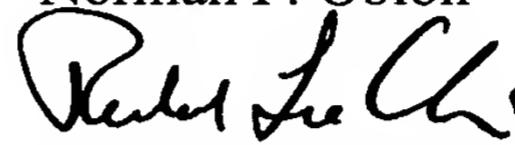
Claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice to prosecution of such subject matter in one or more continuation applications.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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